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SUBJ: GAMAL OTEIFI ON INTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS

ON APRIL 25, PEOPLES ASSEMBLY DEPUTY SPEAKER GAMAL OTEIFI  
COMMENTED ON THE FOLLOWING TO EMBOFF:

1. CABINET CHANGE. OTEIFI CONFIRMED THAT CABINET CHANGE WOULD  
BE ANNOUNCED TOMORROW, APRIL 26, AND THAT HEGAZI WOULD BE FIRST  
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER. MININFO HATEN WOULD BE OUT OF THE  
CABINET AND WOULD POSSIBLY(THOUGH NOT NECESSARILY) BE MOVED  
TO ASU. FAHMY WILL REMAIN AS FOREIGN MINISTER, AND A MINISTER  
OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS WOULD PROBABLY BE APPOINTED TO  
TAKE CHAREG OF FOREIGN MINISTRY DURING FAHMY'S FREQUENT ABSENCES.  
OTEIFI SAID THAT CABINET WOULD NOT BE REDUCED MUCH IN SIZE,  
PAST STATEMENT BY ALI AMIN TO THE CONTRARY.

2. CHANGES IN ASU AND PEOPLES ASSEMBLY. OTEIFI SAID THAT HE  
EXPECTED CABINET SHUFFLE TO BE FOLLOWED IN SUCCEEDING  
WEEKS BY A CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP IN BOTH THE ASU AND  
THE ASSEMBLY. ASU AS PRESENTLY CONSTITUED DID NOT SUIT  
SADAT'S PARTIUCULAR NEEDS. FOR ONE MATTER, A GREATER  
DIVERSITY OF VIEWPOINT SHUOULD BE PERMITTED INTHE ORGANI-  
ZATION, BUT OTEIFI ADDED THAT THERE WOULD NOT BE A MAJOR  
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CHANGE ALLOWING SEPARATE POLITICAL STRUCTURES OR PARTIES

WITHIN THE ASU. REGARDING THE PEOPLES ASSEMBLY, OTEIFI SAID THAT A LEADERSHIP CHANGE WAS LIKELY THERE AS WELL: FOR EXAMPLE, HAFEZ BADAWI, THE PRESENT SPEAKER, WAS LIKELY TO BE REPLACED EITHER BY SAYYID MAR'I OR HIMSELF; OTEIFI INDICATED THAT, BECAUSE OF HIS UN COMMITMENTS, MAR'I WAS THE LESS LIKELY CHOICE.

3. ATTACK ON MILITARY TECHNICAL ACADEMY. OTEIFI SAID FLATLY THAT MATTER WAS CONSPIRACYDIRECTED WITH LIBYAN ASSISTANCE, BUT HE NOTED THAT QADHAAFI HAD BEEN ABLE TO FIND SUPPORT FROM SOME RELIGIOUS EXTREMISTS WITHIN EGYPT ITSELF. THESE WERE YOUNGER ELEMENTS UNRELATED TO MOSLEM BROTHERHOOD, WHICH OTEIFI DESCRIBED AS VIRTUALLY DEFUNCT. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT SADAT CONTINUED TO FACE A PROBLEM FROM CONSERVATIVE ISLAMIC GROUPS WITHIN EGYPTIAN SOCIETY, AND REFERRED SPECIFICALLY TO DISUCSSION WHICH HAD OCCURED AT AL-AZHAR OVER RECENTLY PROPOSED REVISION OF PRSONAL STATUS LAW.  
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